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**DISTRICT HEIGHTS MAN INDICTED FOR
RETALIATORY MURDER OF FEDERAL COOPERATOR**

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that a federal grand jury has indicted James Allen Irby, III, age 27, of District Heights, Maryland today in connection with the murder of Terrence Deadwyler on March 28, 2003.

The first count of the indictment charges Irby with murder, alleging that Irby killed Deadwyler by shooting and stabbing him in retaliation for Deadwyler providing information to a law enforcement officer. The second count alleges that Irby used and carried a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, causing the death of Deadwyler. The third count alleges that Irby destroyed Deadwyler's residence by fire. The criminal complaint previously filed on October 16, 2003 more specifically alleges that Irby shot Deadwyler three times and stabbed him approximately 184 times.

Irby is currently detained in federal custody and awaits arraignment.

The first two counts in the indictment for murder in retaliation for assisting a federal law enforcement investigation and causing death with a firearm carry the potential for the death penalty. The maximum sentence for the arson count is 20 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed

innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this complaint are the result of a joint investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Prince George's County Police Department, and the United States Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Trusty for the District of Maryland and Assistant U.S. Attorney James McGovern for the District of Columbia.